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## **Midland Philatelic Federation Autumn Convention 2019**

The Autumn Convention will be held in conjunction with Banbury's Festival of Stamps Exhibition on **Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**. The event will feature the Midland Philatelic Federation Autumn Convention and 16-sheet competition, the Thames Valley Philatelic Federation annual competitions, and a stamp and postcard fair.

The Fair is being held from 10 am to 4 pm at

Blessed George Napier School, Springfield Avenue, Banbury,  
OX16 9DQ

There will be around twenty stamp dealers taking part, refreshments will be available all day, and there will be ample free parking available to visitors.

Free Valuations of stamps and postal history will be available from Midlands' expert valuer, Tony Lester, for anyone thinking of selling all or part of their collection.

The Competition entry form is attached to this issue of the New Midlander.

## Chairman's Update



The new season seems to be well underway now with societies' meetings in full swing again. Autumn Stampex has come and gone, and we will have to wait until autumn 2020 for the next one - because of LONDON 2020 in the spring. I was at this autumn's Stampex on the Thursday and I thought it seemed quieter than normal - was that just me or did others think the same?

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019, we have the MPF Convention being held jointly with the Thames Valley Philatelic Federation, hosted by the Banbury Stamp Society at the Blessed George Napier School in Banbury. We will be holding the individual members' 16 sheets competitions, with six classes to compete in: Traditional Stamps, Postal History, Aerophilately, Thematics, Postcards and Open (This class can be anything including ephemera etc. However, there must be a **minimum** of 50% Philatelic material).

**We are trying a new way of receiving your entries this time.** In the past we have asked members entering the competitions to send copies of their sheets **with** stiffeners and contained within protectors. This time all you will need to do to enter your material is to send in copies of your sheets. **We** will add the stiffeners and protectors on your behalf. We have introduced this innovation to hopefully encourage more people to enter - it being an easier and more straight forward way to enter. I'd be interested to hear any thoughts any members have about this innovation!

Turning to something about our hobby in general, I was interested, and concerned, recently to read in a report by the membership secretary of the ABPS, in an analysis of societies that affiliate to the organisation, that 17 local philatelic societies have 10 or less members and 80 local philatelic societies have 20 or less members. This does not bode well for the future. Do we have any ideas to help attract new members to societies?

As always I would be very pleased to hear from any society or individual collector who has any comments or thoughts on how we can go forward and develop our hobby even further! Email me at [sharrison500@btinternet.com](mailto:sharrison500@btinternet.com) or send a letter to 56 Woodberry Drive, Sutton Coldfield B76 2RH. I really do want to hear from you!

Steve Harrison

### **CONTACT CHANGE**

Please note that the contact for Evesham Philatelic Society will be Richard Ellis (phone 01386 421549 email [rallies64@gmail.com](mailto:rallies64@gmail.com). This is due to the illness to John Allison and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## **SOCIETY REPORTS**

### **Banbury Stamp Society**

At our last presentation before the summer break, the society welcomed Richard Flemming who presented material from Channel Islands. Richard started by explaining his connection with the Channel Islands: during World War II his father had served as a member of the Luftwaffe in the German Occupation of the islands, after which he became a prisoner of war in England and, as he came from a town in East Germany, ended up staying here.

Richard started with a 1716 cover from London to Guernsey and explained how forwarding agents would arrange for mail to be carried by private ships – on top of the postage rate, there was an additional 3d charge: 1d each for the forwarding and receiving agents and 1d for the ship's captain. In 1794, the Channel Islands became part of the British postal system and we saw a range of hand stamps on cover. Post could be sent for 3d on the twice-weekly packet, or 8d by private vessels – many Channel Islanders refused to pay the 8d rate and the Post Office introduced a £5 fine for mail sent privately, as well as reducing the rate to 6d in 1814. The first half finished with a couple of interesting letters including one from June 1815 with a first-hand description of the Battle of Waterloo.

The second half started with mail to France – which was often quicker via England! In 1843 it was agreed that St. Malo, Granville and Cherbourg could be used as receiving ports in France, giving mail with French postmarks on British stamps. We then had mail to the rest of the world which included a newspaper sent to New York for 1d when the letter rate was 1s.

We finished with some POW and Concentration camp mail followed by German forces occupation mail. The latter included a letter from Richard's father's posting in the 4<sup>th</sup> anti-aircraft battery on Alderney.

We started the new season by welcoming Terry Hare-Walker who presented his material on South African Airmails. He started with some covers from the 1911 Coronation Flight here in England, but explained the South African connection as follows: the covers were addressed to South Africa, and one of the pilots, Evelyn Driver, was a South African who returned home to make the first flights there in December 1911. Terry had commemorative postcards from these flights to various destinations.

In 1918 a series of flights were made to raise funds in the aftermath of the Great War. Commemorative postcards were sold at 6d each, with twelve different flights being made. Then we saw a more unusual piece of air mail: in 1919, in celebration of peace, you could send a message by carrier pigeon which was then forwarded to its destination in the regular post. Terry had an example of such a letter, including the rubber band that had attached it to the pigeon.

We then moved on to the experimental flights that set out the routes within South Africa as well as beyond to the rest of the Empire. One example was a flight from Cape Town

to Durban to carry the mail from the Union Castle steamers and reduce the delivery time. In 1925, Alan Cobham flew from the UK to South Africa, and was challenged to a race on the way back by a ship of the Union Castle line. The plane won, but we didn't hear by how much. By 1929, Union Airways had started and was running regular air mail services within South Africa while Imperial Airways was connecting South Africa to the rest of the empire. We saw first flight covers from a number of these routes, including South Africa to Australia in 1934.

One of Terry's scarcer covers was from 1936 when Amy Mollison (Amy Johnson) flew to South Africa. We then moved on to the 1938 Schlesinger Air Race and heard how 14 crews set off to race from Portsmouth to Johannesburg but only one arrived. As well as mail from these various flights, Terry also had contemporary newspaper articles which tracked the race. We finished up with a BOAC cover which led us up to the Second World War and the end of the empire.

Gareth Williams

### **Dudley Philatelic Society**

Dudley Philatelic Society unanimously passed a resolution at this year's Annual General Meeting to confer Honorary Life Membership on two of its most revered and respected members, Harry Newton and Harry Easom – "The Two Harry's".

Harry Newton attended his first meeting of the society at Dudley Art Gallery on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1965, when he was personally welcomed by the then chairman, Arthur Hillman. He chose the evening of a display by Mr Tillen of Birmingham P.S. for his first meeting – reported as being one of the best displays seen by the members – and obviously enjoyed the company so much that he was the only member to have attended all of the eleven meetings that season. In the subsequent 54 years, Harry has failed to attend society meetings on just a handful of occasions despite inclement winter weather and several changes of venue. Harry served as a committee member for many years and was involved in the planning and preparation of several M.P.F. conventions hosted by Dudley P.S. On occasions, he has served as quizmaster and has been the society's competition judge for the past 30 years or more. As a collector of Commonwealth issues, specialising in St. Helena, he has spread his philatelic and general knowledge far and wide.

Harry Easom is a relative newcomer by comparison, having joined the society in September 1988, attending for a display of "The Offshore Islands of South America" by Mr A.L. Wilkinson – a display that was reprised earlier this year. In the 30 years of his membership, he has been a stalwart of the society's continuity and development having provided many displays – often at short notice when speakers have been unable to attend – served as minute secretary, quizmaster, auction secretary and competitions organiser. He has often "stood in" for the chair and secretary in their absence. Harry's collecting interests are diverse, but his passion for postmarks and little known far - away places underlie his former life as a geography teacher.

Both members were awarded testimonials of the occasion and received warm praise and appreciation from all members of the society

Dudley Philatelic Society has re-launched its website ([www.dudleyyps.co.uk](http://www.dudleyyps.co.uk)) over the summer months, and to promote the event have produced a publicity postcard. Whilst it is still in its infancy, it is the society's objective during the next year, to develop the site into a hub for communicating with members and other local collectors as well as to educate the wider public on the postal history of Dudley and the surrounding areas. The society would welcome any constructive comments that will help the development of the website, which can be forwarded from the home page or contact section.



Peter Barnett



### **South Midlands Stamp Club**

The topic for our meeting in July 2019 was “Clothes and Materials”, which of course also included metals, uniforms, vintage sewing machines, US Confederate flags, and “fashion models”, all of these pictured on stamps. Bob Harper showed early aeroplanes on stamps, whose bodywork was often made from “doped” cloth. The climax of the meeting was Alan Godfrey wearing a postman’s hat (2 sizes too small) to show the development of postal uniforms.

John Gledhill

## **PROGRAMME FOR MIDLAND (GB) POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

October 26<sup>th</sup> Mail by Coach, Rail, River, or Canal

Venue Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge B30 1JB (1.30 pm)

November 9<sup>th</sup> Postal History of Derbyshire (Gordon Hardy)

Venue Warwick and Warwick, Scarbank, Warwick CV34 5DB (1.30 pm)

December 7<sup>th</sup> Overseas Covers (Members)

Around the World in 180 Covers (Chris Rainey)

Venue National Brewery Centre, Burton on Trent DE14 1NG (10.30 am)

January 11<sup>th</sup> Picture Postcards of Post Offices

Venue Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge B30 1JB (1.30 pm)

February 8<sup>th</sup> Skeletons

Venue Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge B30 1JB (1.30 pm)

March 14<sup>th</sup> Members' Displays

Venue Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge B30 1JB (1.30 pm)

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1840 – 1860 Covers

Venue The Ladybird Inn, Bromsgrove B60 2DZ (1.30 pm)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Auction and Annual General Meeting

Venue Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge B30 1JB (11 am)

The **Telford Stamp, Card and Coin Fairs** are held quarterly on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October each year and are held in the Belmont Community Hall, adjacent to the Tan Bank Car Park in Wellington Centre, Telford, TF1 1LU.

The fairs are organised by Telford Stamp and Postcard Club. Entry is free and the fairs are open from 10 am to 3 pm. Free parking is available adjacent to the hall. Both train and bus stations are nearby for those who cannot travel by car.

If there are any dealers out there who wish to have a table at this well-attended fair, contact Bob Pilkington, Tel: 01299-211737. Email: sbpilkington02@outlook.com.

### **Next Fairs**

**2019 – October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**2020 – January 11<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

## **Warwick Royal Show 1931**

The Royal Agricultural Society of England's annual show, known as the 'Royal Show', was first held in 1839 and was held at a different location each year until it found a permanent home at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh, near Kenilworth from 1963 to 2009. During the nineteenth century, Warwickshire had hosted the Royal Show on four occasions: 1859 at Warwick Racecourse, 1876 at Aston Park, next to Aston Hall, 1892 at Castle Park in Warwick and in 1898 at Four Oaks Park Sutton Coldfield.

The next occasion, the ninetieth Royal Show, was from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 1931 again situated on a 90 acre site in Castle Park, Warwick. This event was to coincide with the centenary celebrations of the Warwickshire Agricultural Society. At first there were concerns that show might have to be cancelled as there had been an outbreak of foot and mouth disease, but fortunately the animal movement order to and from the show was lifted on Tuesday 30th June, allowing the show to go ahead.

Visitors included the Prince of Wales (the future King Edward VIII), who flew in and landed at Warwick Racecourse. The Warwick Advertiser of 11<sup>th</sup> July reported that the cheers from the public were "at times almost deafening" and the Prince's mode of transport had "just that touch of adventure about it that appeals to everyone". As a result of popular demand, the Prince's route to the showground was changed to go through the town centre so that more people could catch a glimpse of the Prince. As well as visiting the show, he took tea at the castle and planted a tree in the grounds.

The general depression in the country meant that the number of implement exhibitors was lower (only 388 stands) and the visitor attendance was also lower: just 1,867 on the first day (despite fine weather), 11,273 on the second day and 24,198 on the third day. However, 3061 animals were exhibited. Admission cost the public 10/- (50p), which was seen by some as excessive in the prevailing economic climate.

Most of the animals and equipment for the show were carried by rail to the Great Western Railway's Cape Yard in Warwick (including those brought to the town by the LMS). Specially constructed platforms (700 feet long by 35 feet wide) and a siding (for 22 vehicles on each side) were made available to allow two trains to be unloaded at once, and a 6 ton crane was provided for lifting heavy items. About 590 vehicles of livestock in 32 special trains were received between 3.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 3.00pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. To meet the requirements for returning the animals after the show special trains were scheduled at hourly intervals from 7.00pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July to 9.00am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. In addition, transport between Cape Yard and the showground was also supplied by the GWR, in its own fleet of lorries.

Post Office services were also provided for the use of visitors and exhibitors. Mail was cancelled by a special hand stamp showing the place of posting as "WARWICK ROYAL SHOW". Initially two cancellers with identification 'A' were used at the main entrance between 30<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> June, one was a circular stamp for cancelling registered letters and dating receipts and a rectangular one was for cancelling parcels (in violet ink). Three additional hand stamps with identification 'B' were in use from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July. One (28.5mm diameter) showed the date in one line, another 30mm diameter showed the date in two lines, the third was a rectangular hand stamp for use on parcels. The circular hand stamps were 'skeleton' stamps made up of loose type; this style was frequently used in temporary post offices. Small coloured stickers (sometimes known as poster stamps) were also made available to visitors to use on mail and, so, publicise the show.

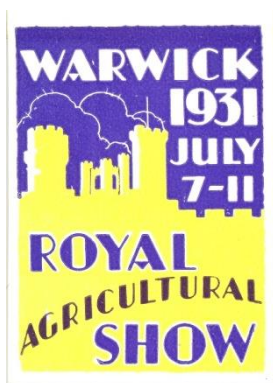


Although the Warwick Royal Show did not receive as many visitors as the previous Royal Show in Manchester had achieved, probably because of the poor weather during the show and the economic situation in England, it was still judged a success by RASE.

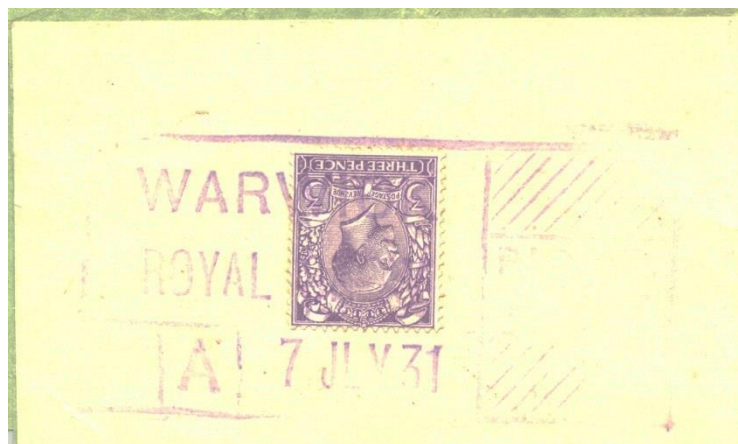
Alan Godfrey



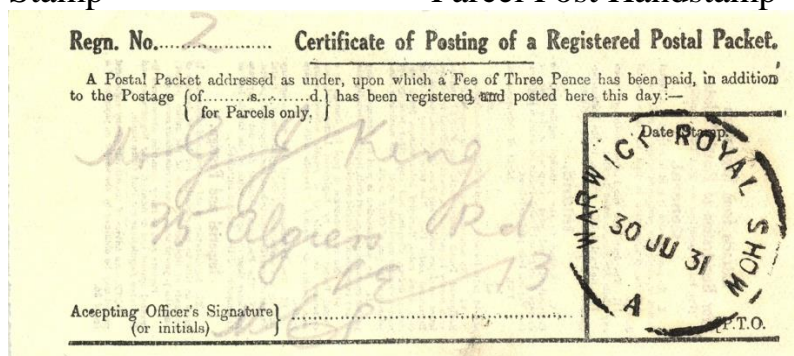
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Poster Stamp



Parcel Post Handstamp



Registered Letter Receipt cancelled with handstamp 'A' on First Day of Use



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**3rd OCTOBER 2019**

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[www.redditch-philatelic.org.uk](http://www.redditch-philatelic.org.uk)

## SOCIETY DIARY

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| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | The Letter "U"  | Members           | Hinckley                  |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | North Macedonia / Belgian Congo   | Rugby Members     | Banbury                   |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Persia / Iran   | Nigel Gouch       | Burton on Trent           |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | In the Torturer's Chair   | S. Geddes         | Solihull                  |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Annual General Meeting  | Members           | South<br>Birmingham       |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | The British Industries Fair   | Steven Harrison   | Sutton Coldfield          |
| Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1940: Desperate Time  | Jim Etherington   | Hereford                  |
| Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Quite a Lot About Not Very Much<br>(The Story Behind the G.B. ½d Value) | David Wilson      | Stratford                 |
| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Stamp and Postcard Market Evening                                       | Members           | Redditch                  |
| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Jeffery Beasley and Tristan Brittain Entertain                          |                   | Northampton               |
| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | A Desperate Year for Britain - 1940                                     | Jim Etherington   | Worcester                 |
| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Taxing the Egyptians  | Martyn Parker     | Stroud                    |
| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | New Zealand   | Terry Hancox      | Wombourne                 |
| Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>  | President's Evening   | Keith Barnett     | Evesham                   |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | German Colonies / Mauritius   | Malcolm Hughes    | Coventry                  |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Great Britain Wildings & Postal Stationery                              | Frank Walton      | Solihull                  |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Gibraltar / Film Night  | Colin Searle      | Dudley                    |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Auction   | Members           | South<br>Birmingham       |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | To the Ends of the Earth - Polar Exploration                            | Alan Godfrey      | Sutton Coldfield          |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Fungi   | Les Percy         | Nottingham Co-op          |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | British Empire Exhibition to Silver Jubilee<br>Commemoratives           | David Poynton     | Shropshire                |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Another Bloody Railway  | Peter Pugh        | Leamington                |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Show & Tell   | Members           | Matlock                   |
| Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> | Letter 'K'  | Members           | Derby                     |
| Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> | Still Topical?  | Chas Ford         | Loughborough              |
| Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> | Letters 'J', 'K' and 'L' / Bourse                                       | Members           | Birmingham<br>(afternoon) |
| Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> | Air Wind & Water  | Members           | Solihull<br>(morning)     |
| Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> | Joint Afternoon Meeting with Cheltenham and<br>Gloucester Societies     |                   | Stroud<br>(afternoon)     |
| Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> | Visit by Wombourne PS   |                   | Telford                   |
| Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> | Postage Stamps of India   | Terry Hare-Walker | Rugby                     |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | Centenary of Penny Black 1940   | Mark Bailey       | Banbury                   |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | Chairman's Choice: Australia  | Bill Whitaker     | Hinckley                  |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | Member's Displays   | Members           | Stafford                  |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | Dominica  | S. Richards       | Solihull                  |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | Another Bloody Railway Part 2   | Peter Pugh        | South<br>Birmingham       |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | My Favourite Country  | Members           | Sutton Coldfield          |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | Aspects of Netherlands East Indies                                      | John Jackson      | Stratford                 |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | Members Latest Acquisitions / Favourite Items                           | Members           | Coleshill                 |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | Great Britain Express Mail  | Julian Tweed      | Redditch                  |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | Indian States   | Tom George        | Worcester                 |

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| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | I Would Like to Show You                            | Members                  | Stroud                          |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | An Introduction to Nyasaland                        | Barry Horne              | Wombourne                       |
| Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> | Anything but Stamps                                 | Mike Siversns (and Fred) | Nottingham                      |
| Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Meeting                   | Members                  | South Midlands (afternoon)      |
| Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> | Travelling Post Offices of Great Britain            | Clive Jones              | Evesham                         |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Classic France                                      | John Allison             | Coventry                        |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Aspects of Japan                                    | Bill Pile                | Dudley                          |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Romania   | G. Hardy                 | Solihull                        |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Quiz Evening  | Peter White              | South Birmingham                |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Letter 'T'  | Members                  | Shropshire                      |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Great Britain Mail - Secure Handling                | Steven Harrison          | Leamington                      |
| Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> | Letter 'L'  | Members                  | Loughborough                    |
| Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> | Annual General Meeting                              | Members                  | Birmingham (afternoon)          |
| Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mail by Coach, Rail, River or Canal                 | Members                  | Midlands PH Society (afternoon) |
| Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> | Austria-Hungary: the End of Empire                  | John Harden              | Rugby                           |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> | Auction and half-night display                      | Members                  | Hinckley                        |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> | Scottish Islands                                    | John Sussex              | Solihull                        |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> | Postcard Evening - Animals                          | Members                  | South Birmingham                |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> | Visit from Dudley Philatelic Society                |                          | Sutton Coldfield                |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | GB Postal History with a Difference                 | Don Davies               | Banbury                         |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | The Letters "T" and "U"                             | Members                  | Stratford                       |
| Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> | 1666 and all that<br>What the Victorians did for us | Malcolm Allinson         | Wombourne                       |
| Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Across the Middle East by Air and Land (1918-1930)  | Laurence Kimpton         | Nottingham                      |
| Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Austria / Hungary – End of an Empire                | John Harden              | Evesham                         |
| Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Great Britain – All Reigns                          | Members                  | Coventry                        |
| Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Revenues part 2                                     | Gordon Hardy             | Burton on Trent                 |
| Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Mystery Speaker                                     |                          | Solihull                        |
| Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Informal Bring and Buy                              | Members                  | South Birmingham                |
| Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>  | The 1970s   | Members                  | Sutton Coldfield (morning)      |
| Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Zeppelin Mail                                       | Brian Hyner              | Leamington                      |
| Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Single Sheet Competition                            | Members                  | Redditch                        |
| Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Social with Fish & Chip Supper                      | Members                  | Northampton                     |
| Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Postal History of Derbyshire                        | Gordon Hardy             | Midlands PH Society (afternoon) |
| Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> | An Evening in Brazil                                | Janet and Mike Nelson    | Telford                         |
| Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> | Great Britain pre-stamp to QEII                     | Toby Mottram             | Rugby                           |
| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Sports                                       | Michael Chapling         | Dudley                          |
| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Russia and Soviet Union                             | Nick Bridgwater          | Banbury                         |

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| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Seahorses<br>Czelaw Slania                           | Mike Kentzer<br>Terry Wagg        | Hinckley                      |
| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Great War - Revolution & Beyond 1915-1921            | Neil Ritchie                      | Solihull                      |
| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Malta  | Colin Searle                      | South<br>Birmingham           |
| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Marian Baxter Entertains                             | Marian Baxter                     | Sutton Coldfield              |
| Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> | Canada Air Mails                                     | Doug Stubbings                    | Nottingham Co-op              |
| Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> | Victoria to Elizabeth                                | Members                           | Shropshire                    |
| Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> | Letter 'F'   | Members                           | Matlock                       |
| Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> | The Stamps of Kiribati                               | Hugh Bennett                      | Stratford                     |
| Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> | Luxembourg   | Nick Martin                       | Radcliffe on Trent            |
| Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> | Questions and Answers                                | Members                           | Derby                         |
| Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> | Dodecanese   | Paul Woodness                     | Loughborough                  |
| Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> | Letter "J" or "K"                                    | Members                           | Solihull<br>(morning)         |
| Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> | History of Sunday Schools                            | John Cumbers                      | Wombourne                     |
| Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> | Competition Evening                                  | Members                           | Nottingham                    |
| Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> | Collecting Postal Stationery                         | John Barker                       | Evesham                       |
| Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> | From Tonga to Togo                                   | Dave Hutchins                     | South Midlands<br>(afternoon) |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> | British Antarctic Territory                          | Alan Squires                      | Coventry                      |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> | Another Bloody Railway                               | Peter Pugh                        | Stafford                      |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> | Ceylon the Caveman Collection                        | G. Winters                        | Solihull                      |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> | Four Legged Friends                                  | Members                           | South<br>Birmingham           |
| Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> | Postal History of the Confederate States of America  | John Walker                       | Leamington                    |
| Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> | Two Members' Displays                                | Bob Allard<br>Peter Elms          | Redditch                      |
| Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> | Member's Displays                                    | Members                           | Coleshill                     |
| Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> | Chairman Entertains                                  | Austin Meares                     | Stroud                        |
| Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> | Visit from Hinckley and District P. S.               |                                   | Rugby                         |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> | The Treaty Ports of Hong Kong and China              | Peter Pugh                        | Dudley                        |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> | One to Eighteen Sheets of Thematics                  | Members                           | Hinckley                      |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> | Silk Postcards                                       | B. Wilson                         | Solihull                      |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> | Belgian Congo 1886-1991                              | Michael Siversns                  | South<br>Birmingham           |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> | Birds<br>Regency Commemoratives Interlude of Hungary | Richard Pearson<br>Chris Thorburn | Sutton Coldfield              |
| Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> | First Arms Issue of George VI                        | Graham MacPherson                 | Shropshire                    |
| Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> | Falkland Islands – the 1982 Conflict                 | Gerald Marriner                   | Banbury                       |
| Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> | Fiji WW2<br>Madagascar (Operation Ironclad)          | Bryan Jones                       | Stratford                     |
| Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> | Hungary 1948 - 1990                                  | George Kirkham                    | Radcliffe on Trent            |
| Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> | Cyprus   | Mike Fulford                      | Loughborough                  |
| Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> | Sarawak  | Richard Garbett                   | Wombourne                     |
| Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations            | Members                           | Evesham                       |
| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Postcards Both Sides                                 | Members                           | Coventry                      |
| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Christmas Fayre and Letter 'D'                       | Members                           | Burton on Trent               |

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| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> | The Committee Entertains       |             | Solihull                   |
| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Chairman's Evening             | Members     | South Birmingham           |
| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mail with Australasia          | Clive Jones | Sutton Coldfield (morning) |
| Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> | Winter                         | Members     | Leamington                 |
| Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> | Egyptian Hotel Posts           | John Davis  | Redditch                   |
| Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> | Warren Trophy – “Post Cards”   | Members     | Northampton                |
| Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> | Mini Auction and Swaps Evening | Members     | Stroud                     |

### **SHROPSHIRE ANNUAL STAMP AND POSTCARD FAIR**

Shropshire Philatelic Society will be holding their annual fair on

**October 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm**

At Barnabas Church Centre, Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury SY3 7DN.

At least 17 dealers will be present. For further details contact.

Tony Marsland 01743 860910

### **Hinckley and District Philatelic Society Autumn Fair**

Hinckley and District Philatelic Society is pleased to announce that it has moved its Autumn Stamp Fair back to the Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Hinckley.

The Fair will be held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 starting at 10.00 am and finishing at 3.00 pm. Several regional and local dealers will be in attendance. Entry is free and there is ample free parking at the College. Refreshment will be available throughout the day. Whether you are a new or seasoned collector we are sure that there will be something for you.

The Academy is located at Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE

For further details contact: Richard Flemming on 01455613826

### **REQUEST FOR ARTICLES**

If you want to see your favourite items shown in the New Midlander then please send me a short article which I can include. It doesn't take long to write a few words and to send a scan of the item(s).



# **MPF 16-sheet — Individual Competitions**

## **Banbury — Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**We are continuing the “Open Frames” competition concept which has worked so successfully at recent MPF Competitions. This has the advantage that you do not need to send your expensive items in the post. They will be pre-judged so the results will be available from the start of the Exhibition.**

Please post photocopies or printed scans of your entries to:-

Roger Williams, 12 Freshwater Drive, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3TP  
Email roggwen@blueyonder.co.uk

**All are 16-sheet entries:-** There will be six competitions with sections as below:-

|                           |                          |                       |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Traditional Stamps</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Postal History</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Thematic</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Aerophilately</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Open Class</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Postcards</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Open Class section may have anything that is not covered in the other sections and may include postcards, ephemera, entire letters, postal orders etc but must be 50% philatelic material.

Title of Entry\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Society\_\_\_\_\_

**All entries will be acknowledged by email.**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**